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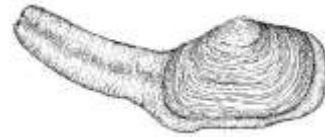
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas, as described in the September 14, 2012 geoduck fishery news release, will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **with a 1,000 pound limit per diver from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012:**

##### District 1:

Foggy Bay (Subdistrict 101-23-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 12,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 5,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

##### District 3:

St. Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will be open for a remaining harvest of 100,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

##### Districts 4:

Northwest Dall Island (Subdistricts 104-20-003, 104-30-003): will be open for the guideline harvest level of 16,800 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Port Santa Cruz (Subdistrict 104-30-002): will be open for the guideline harvest level of 52,800 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoduck clams harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. All geoduck clams harvested during a commercial fishery must be recorded on a fish ticket and are counted towards the 1,000 pound limit. Pounds of geoduck clams harvested over the 1,000 pound limit are considered property of the State and may not be retained as personal use.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, December 7, 2012 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3512.

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